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SUBJ: NIMEIRI DETAILS

LIBYAN "PLOT" AND AFTERMATH

1. EVENING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR EGYPT, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI
DELIVERED THREE-HOUR "FACE THE NATION" ADDRESS ON NATIONWIDE
TV AND RSDIO JULY 12. SINCE ITS LENGTH MAY PRECLUDE FBIS
MONITORING, FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF HIGHLIGHTS OF PORTION DEVOTED
TO ABORTIVE COUP.

2. LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT: NIMEIRI CLAIMED HE WAS TO HAVE BEEN KILLED
ON LANDING BY "ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS PROVIDED BY THE LIBYAN
LEADERSHIP." LIBYAN TRUCKS HAD MOVED FROM JEBEL UWAYNAT IN
LIBYA JUNE 25 TO "ABU AUROON AREA" (PRESUMABLY AL ATRUN RASIS
AT 26.50E, 18.20N) AND THENCE TO AREA WEST OF OMDURMAN BY
DAWN JULY 2. "INSANE QADDAFI" SUCCEEDED WHERE ISRAEL FAILED
BY CONVERTING OCTOBER MILITARY VICTORY INTO AN ARAB POLITICAL
DEFEAT. EGYPT IS NOT CONFRONTING ISRAEL ALONE BUT ALSO
QADDAFI. QADDAFI HAD PROMISED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF
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SUCCESSFUL COUP LEADERS SOONEST. RE SOUTHERN SUDAN, THERE

IS LIBYAN PLAN IN COLLABORATION WITH NATIONAL FRONT TO CONTROL
SOUTH OSTEMCIBLY IN ORDER FREE IT FROM "INFLUENCE OF WORLD
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES".

DOMESTIC PLOTTING: NIMEIRI FRANKLY ASKED HOW FOREIGN INVASION
COULD SO SURPRISE GOS AND WHERE WERE THE RESPONSIBLE
SUDANESE SECURITY ORGANS. HE HIMSELF HAD ASKED QADDAFI ABOUT
TRAINING CAMPS AND REMEMBERS LEADER'S "EXACT WORDS" AS
FOLLOWS: "I WOULD NEVER BETRAY YOU...THE CAMPS CONTAIN PEOPLE
FROM DIFFERENT AFRICAN STATES, INCLUDING THE SUDAN, TO LIBERATE
PALESTINE AND THEY ARE TRAINED FOR THIS PURPOSE". SO IT
"NEVER CROSSED BY MIND", CONTINUED NIMEIRI, THAT "ONE COUNTRY
WOULD INVADE ANOTHER USING MERCENARIES" EVEN THOUGH GOS WAS WWARE OF
LIBYAN PLOTTING AT TIME MAY 25 ANNIVERSARY. SUBSEQUENTLY, GOS
RECEIVED REPORTS INDICATING NATIONAL FRONT AND MOSLEM
BROTHERHOOD PLANNING TO STIR UP TROUBLE IN ORDER "ABORT THE
ECONOMIC RESULTS OF MY VISIT TO USA AND FRANCE." SECURITY
FORCES WERE ALERTED BUT JULY 1 ZERO PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

IMPLIED SOVIET CONNECTION: WITHOUT MENTIONING USSR BY NAME,
NIMEIRI CLAIMED LIBYANS "PROMISED TO GUARANTEE THE
RECOGNITION OF A MAJOR POWER". NIMEIRI ALSO NOTED
MOST CAPTURED EQUIPMENT IS SOVIET-MADE. HE NOTED THAT GOS HAD
EARLIER INDICATED THAT "SUPPLY BY A GREAT POWER TO THE LIBYAN
LEADERSHIP OF ARMS IN QUANTITIES THAT EXCEED ITS NEEDS
CONSTITUTED A THREAT TO AREA SECURITY AND THIS PROVED RIGHT ...
WE ARE NOT BLAMING ANYONE EXCEPT THOSE WHOSE
BLOODY HAND MURDERED OUR PEOPLE BUT WE DO SAY THAT THE
MANUFACTURERS OF THE WEAPONS USED DID PARTICIPATE INDIRECTLY
IN THE MURDERS".

SECURITY COUNCIL: NIMEIRI NOTED GOS WOULD NOT ASK UNSC TO
CONDEMN THE LIBYAN REGIME BUT WOULD URGE AND INVESTIGATION
MISSION BE SENT TO VIEW "THE REMAINS OF THE LIBYAN INVASION".
SUDAN DECLARED TO THE WORLD, HEISAIID, THAT IT WILL NOT TURN A DEAF
EAR TO OUTSIDE PLOTTING AND "WILL RESERVE FOR ITSELF OUR RIGHT TO
CHASE THE DANGEROUS
INSTIGATORS EVEN INSIDE LIBYAN BORDERS".
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